



## National Transportation Safety Board

Washington, D.C. 20594

Office of Marine Safety

### Interview Summary

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**Date:** June 28 2006

**Location:** Telephone Interview

**Person Interviewed:** Mr. Barry Willis, Mechanic who worked on the engines of the  
----- P/V Massachusetts on June 12, 2006. Cell -----  
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**Interview Conducted By:** W.R. Woody

Mr. Barry Willis was interviewed in conjunction with the Investigation of the engine room fire on the Small Passenger Vessel MASSACHUSETTS, near Boston, Massachusetts, on June 12, 2006 (DCA06MM016). The text that follows is not a verbatim record of the conversation. It has been developed from my handwritten notes of the conversation and is correct and complete to the best of my knowledge and recollection.

Mr. Willis was provided a copy of the interview summary for review, and he offered one correction to indicate that he retired on Sunday evening June 11, 1996 around 9:30 – 10:00 pm.

### INTERVIEW

Mr. Willis stated that his normal routine during the week was to be in bed by ten o'clock and get up at a quarter to 5, or 0445. He usually falls asleep pretty quickly. He does not get up at night unless one of his children gets up. He gets a coffee on way in to work. Normally gets to the shop in Charlestown about ten to six. He dose not have breakfast, preferring to wait until lunch to eat.

Friday June 9, 2006 – He got up between 4:45 and 5 AM as usual. He got coffee en route and arrived at the shop about ten to 6. He did not recall what he did on Friday June 9, 2006 but could look at his records and provide that information. He stated that he did not recall Friday being any thing out of the ordinary. He believes he was at the shop most or all of the day but would have to check to be sure. He estimates that he arrived home about 4:30 or 5 PM. He had dinner at home with his family. Sometime after dinner put the children to bed (tucked the girls in) and then worked on his car until about 1100. He said the work was nothing strenuous. He got to bed about 11:30 or

quarter to 12 PM. He believes he fell asleep quickly. He normally did not get up at night unless one of the kids gets up. He believed he did not get up during that night.

Saturday, June 10, 2006 – He got up around six, made coffee. One of the girls got up with him. Had lunch and dinner at home. Was not involved in any work. Does not have a second job, and not involved in any voluntary work like scouting or church. Got to bed about 1130.

Sunday, June 11, 2006. Got up about 6 am, Again made coffee and waited for family to get up. Recalled having lunch and dinner. Had a couple beers around dinnertime. Got to bed around 2130 – 2200.

Monday June 12, 2006 – Got up between quarter to 4 and 5. Got coffee en route to work. Arrived at shop around six. Worked at shop because the MASSACHUSETTS. was conducting a few harbor cruises in the morning. Got aboard around one PM and was working on board until about 3. Felt fine. No cold or sinus and not taking any cold medication that would produce drowsiness. Felt Ok that day and during the work on the Massachusetts.

Mr. Willis stated that he would consider his health as good. He had a regular physician, and believed he had had a physical exam in the last two years. He stated that he was not taking any medication prescribed by a doctor. He indicated that he did take Advil occasionally for headache, or colds.

He did not wear glasses and stated that he read comfortably.

**END OF INTERVIEW**

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